

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 24, 2023, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker and Justin Campbell; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors:

At 5:40 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Baker

Changes or additions to the agenda: set tax rate, trailer sale

Public Comment: none

Minutes: tabled

Site Visit: The Board had a site visit to view a temporary access from Onion River Campground to the Twinfield parking lot. There is an emergency access but for a short time only. The School is not interested in having a long-term access in that area. There is a possible longer-term temporary access that runs parallel to the river. It will require a fair amount of excavation. Onion River Campground will allow a temporary easement for the residents of Onion River Road to use the temporary access.

The State will loan us a temporary bridge but we will have to hire a contractor to install it, and we may have to hire a contractor for the temporary access before the bridge can be installed; it depends what kind of access the bridge contractor would need.

Bridges: There are two other bridges that need to be replaced, and another needs major repairs. The State is going to loan us temporary bridges for these locations as well. Justin will talk to him about how much information and help the state provides with the bridges, such as specifications for the contractors.

Other Flood Repairs: The Board discussed other projects that need to be done, and the need to write specs. Rich suggested that we might need to hire someone to help find other available sources of funding.

As of today, the roads are now passable. We will need to get bids for trucking from this point forward. Bobbi will get prices from several trucking companies. Rich moved to authorize Justin to execute contracts for hauling materials at the most competitive rate. Justin seconded. All in favor.

Flood Plain: Rich explained that houses that have 50% damage will need to be rebuilt up to current standards. The Zoning Administrator will be contacting people whose homes are in the floodplain to explain the rules. It is possible that some older houses may be exempt if they are on the State's register of historic buildings.

Tax Rates: The Board set the tax rates for 2023, and authorized Bobbi to set a due date that is at least 30 days after the bills are mailed. The municipal rate is .6538; the local agreement rate is .0046. The State set our homestead education rate at 1.4525 and our non-homestead education rate at 1.3812.

Debris Removal: Bobbi explained that there is an official Household Hazardous Waste collection in Cabot on August 5, and the recycling center in Cabot will accept it this Saturday.

Trailer: Rich moved to accept an offer of \$4,500 and authorize Bobbi to sign the paperwork. Justin seconded; all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the July 24, 2023 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
